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**Option 1**

***Books I read as a child:***

**Goodnight Moon**

Every night when I was very young, my mom would read Goodnight Moon to me. It was one of my favorite books, it simple and repetitive! I find myself reading it to my sister’s kids all the time!

**The Hungry Caterpilla**

I loved this book as a child. I always liked when my sister read this to me! It’s a colorful and descriptive book. I love butterflies and I think learning how a caterpillar changes into a butterfly is important.

**The Giving Tree**

Even as a young kid, I was able to understand the idea of love, and giving everything you have to someone you love. I read this book to my niece and it has become one of her favorite books.

**Matilda**

I always thought it would be fun to have magical powers! This book teaches you to use your imagination. That is the best part of being a child, using your imagination.

**Where the Red Fern Grows**

I read this book when I was in school. We read this as a class and by ourselves. The book tells the story of the adventures Billy went through to get his hounds and the hunting he does with them.

**James and the Giant Peach**

We read this book in elementary school. This book teaches you to use your imagination.

Alice in Wonderland

***What should be taught in English Class:***

I think the more a child is exposed to literature the better the outcome for the student will be. I do not believe there should be a limit to what kind of book is being read as long as they are reading. Children learn to use their imagination through the books they read and have read to them. The only limit I believe on literature is that the books are age appropriate nature. Young children should use books to learn the basics and apply what they are reading to their life. Books should start off simple as object, letter, and number recognitions. As they get older, words should be introduced and then the children can begin to apply the lesson or morals of a story to their life, such as books that teach right from wrong. As children get even older they should be allowed to choose their books, not forced. Kids need to be able to choose books that spark their interest. There were many times when I was in school I found myself not interested in a book that we were made to read. Because I was not interested in the required reading, I had trouble staying on task with the reading. Let children be involved in the book selection as long as it is age and subject appropriate.